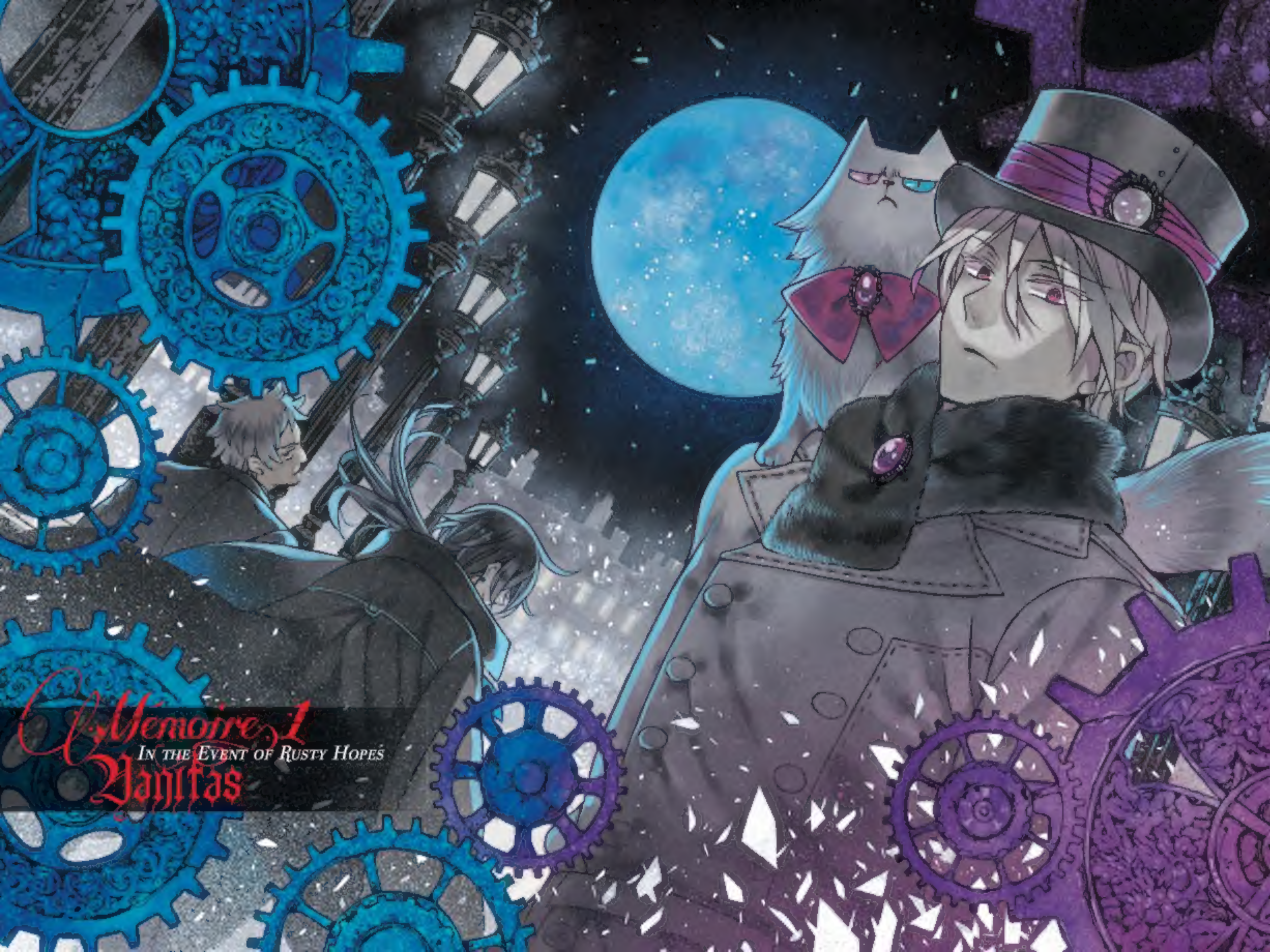




...IT IS YOUR LIFE ITSELF—





Memoire 1
IN THE EVENT OF RUSTY HOPE'S
Vanitas

CORPSES
COMPLETELY
DRAINED OF
BLOOD!

REVENGE
ON
HUMANS!?

RUMORS
THAT THE
CHURCH
HAS FINALLY
BEGUN
TO MOVE!

VAMPIRE
APPEARS
IN PARIS!!

A NINTH
VICTIM
HAS BEEN

BITE MARKS ON THE NECK—

IT'S COLD...

HOW
AWFUL...
TRULY?

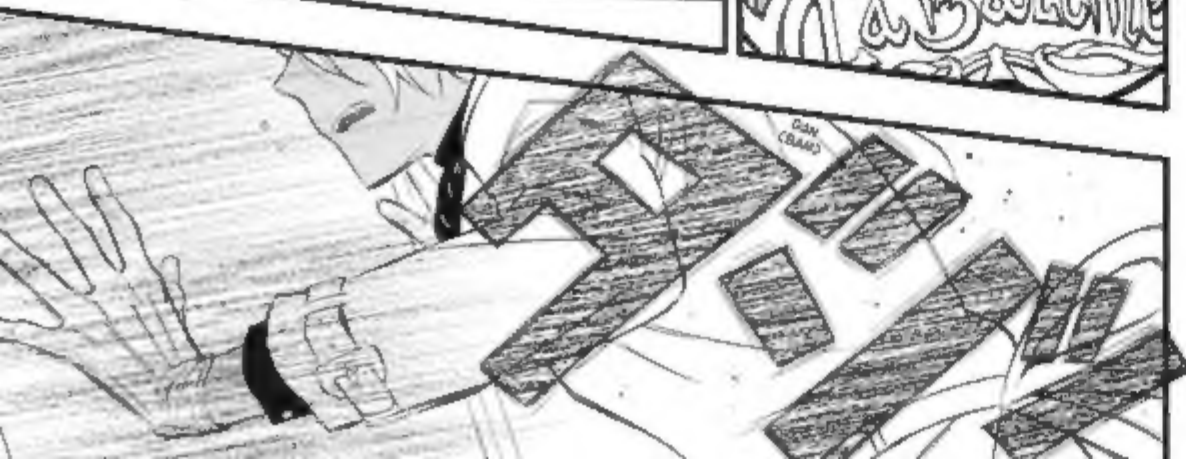
A VAMPIRE
...?

COLD...

THE CASE STUDY OF
VANITAS











HAVE
YOU HEARD
OF IT?

IT APPEARS
IN A BED TIME
STORY, "THE
VAMPIRE OF
THE BLUE
MOON."

IT'S THE
NAME OF
A CURSED
BOOK.

...THERE
LIVED
A HATED
VAMPIRE
KNOWN AS
"VANITAS."

ONCE UPON
A TIME, IN
A CERTAIN
PLACE...

THE BOOK OF
VANITAS.



"SOME-
THING"...?

NO. I'M
LOOKING
FOR SOME-
THING.

...ARE YOU
VISITING
PARIS FOR
SIGHT-
SEEING?





FOOLISH
VAMPIRES WHO
PERSECUTED
ME!

WHEN THIS
BOOK IS OPENED,
A CURSE MORE
TERRIBLE THAN
DEATH WILL
BEFALL YOU!!

A BLUE
LEATHER
COVER AND
JET-BLACK
PAGES...
A CLOCKWORK
GRIMOIRE
LINKED TO
A SILVER
CHAIN...

IT WAS A SPECIAL
BOOK CREATED BY
VANITAS, IMBUED
WITH THE POWER
TO INTERFERE WITH
VAMPIRES' TRUE
NAMES.



HOWEVER, FOR
SOME REASON,
VANITAS WAS
BORN ON THE
NIGHT OF A BLUE
FULL MOON,
A SYMBOL OF
MISFORTUNE.

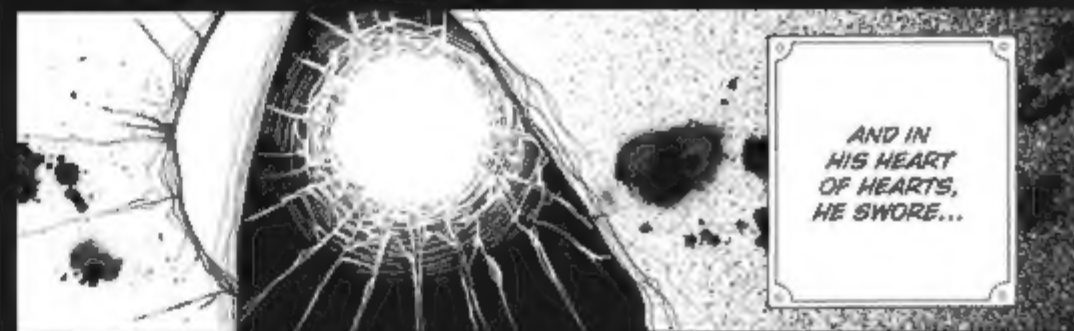
VAMPIRES
ARE
ORDINARILY
BORN ON THE
NIGHT OF A
CRIMSON FULL
MOON.



FRIGHTENED
OF THE
DARKNESS,
FREEZING IN
THE SNOW,
HE WANDERED
AND
WANDERED.

VANITAS
WAS ALL
ALONE
IN THE
FOREST.

EVERYONE
WAS AFRAID
OF VANITAS,
AND THEY
RAN HIM
OUT OF THE
VILLAGE.



AND IN
HIS HEART
OF HEARTS,
HE SWORE...

...VENGEANCE ON VAMPIRES BORN ON THE NIGHT OF A CRIMSON MOON.

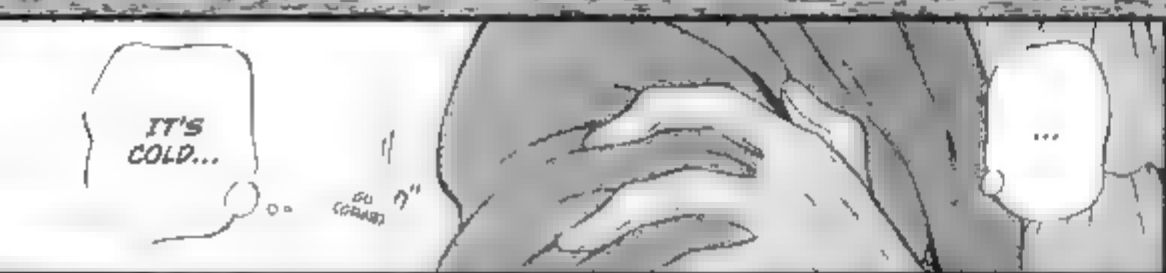
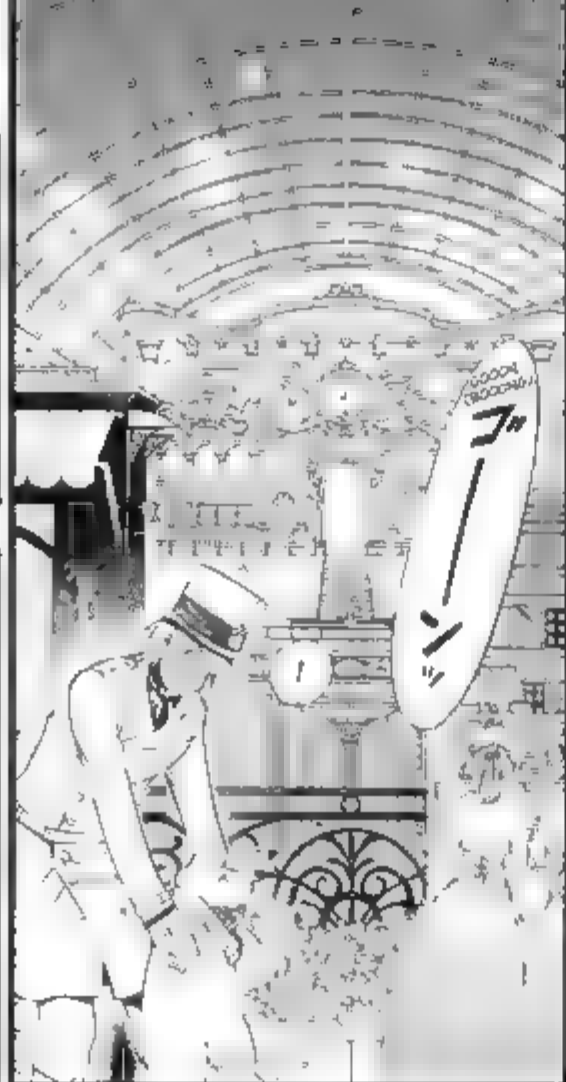


THAT TIME
ALREADY?



I'LL
ESCORT
YOU TO
YOUR
ROOM,
Mlle.
AMELIA.

WE'LL
NEED TO
PREPARE TO
DISEMBARK
SOON.



IT'S
COLD...

...



"...HE WILL
BECOME THE
ONE WHO WILL
DESTROY ALL
VAMPIRES."



OF
COURSE

WE
KNOW THE
TARGET'S
IN HERE.

HEY,
ARE YOU
SERIOUSLY
GOING?



I WON'T LET
THE VAMPIRES
ESCAPE ME...!

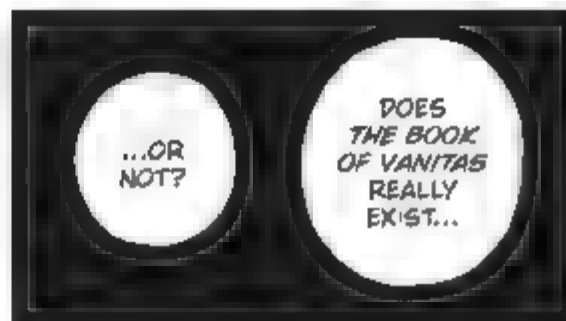


AND
BEFORE
LONG...

BLUE MOONLIGHT,
LIKE MY OWN, WILL
DWELL IN THE EYES
OF HE WHO HOLDS
THIS BOOK.



DORA
CHALMERS
F#







FOUND...

...
YÖÖOU
!!



WHAT
?



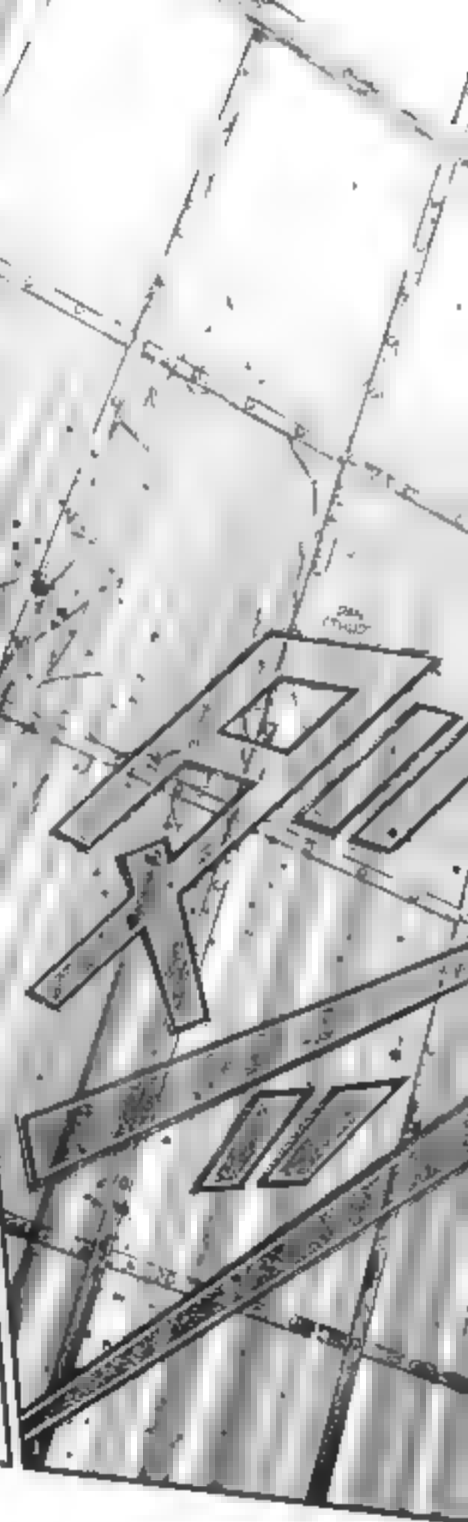
BOOM
LOUPO



WHAT'RE
YOU?



3 KORO
(ROLL)



I COULD
ASK YOU
THE SAME.

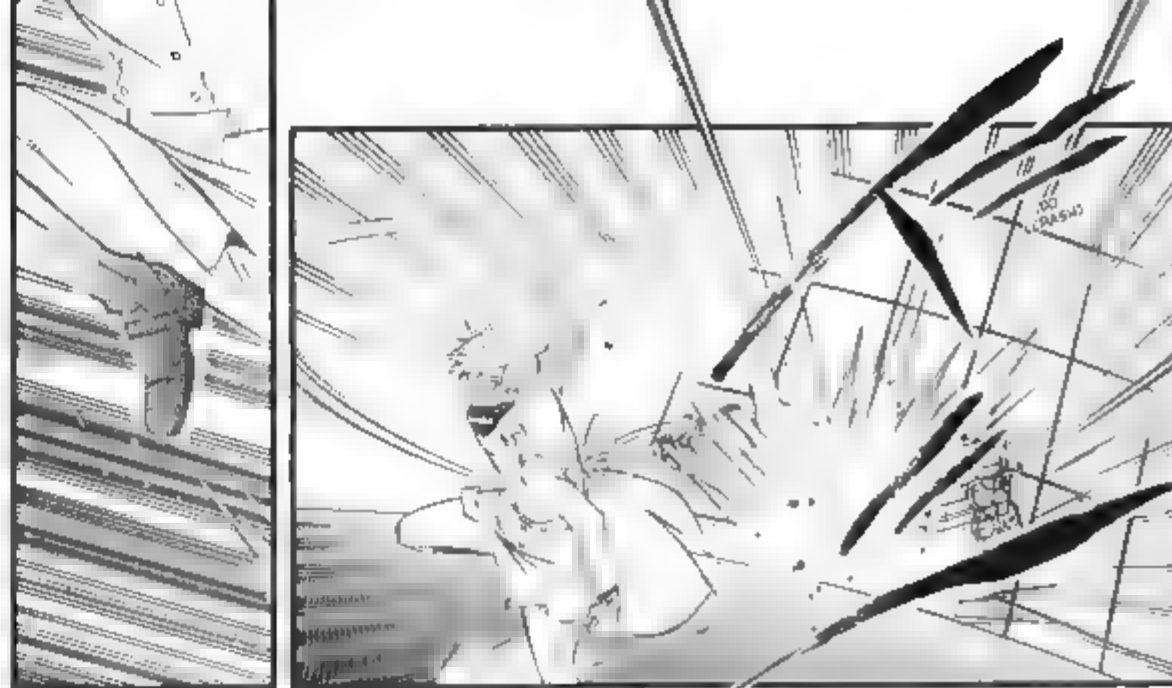
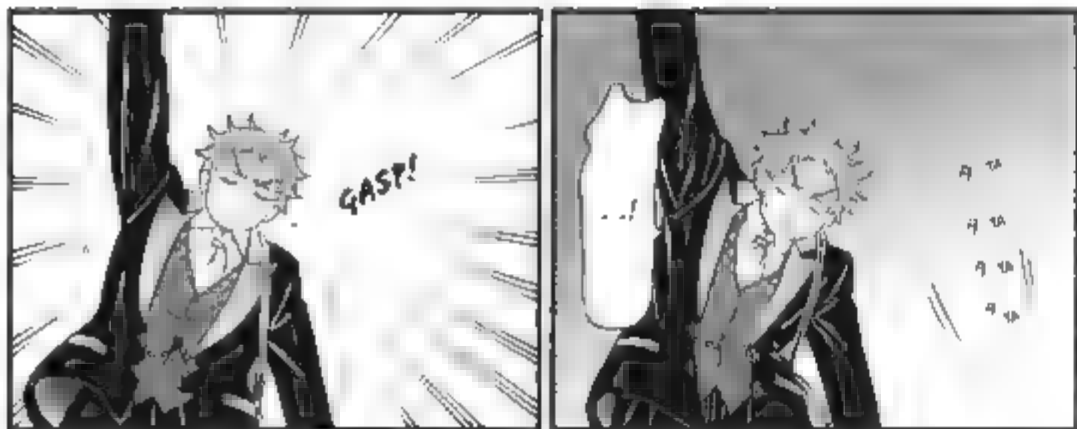


I THOUGHT
I HAD YOU
THERE.



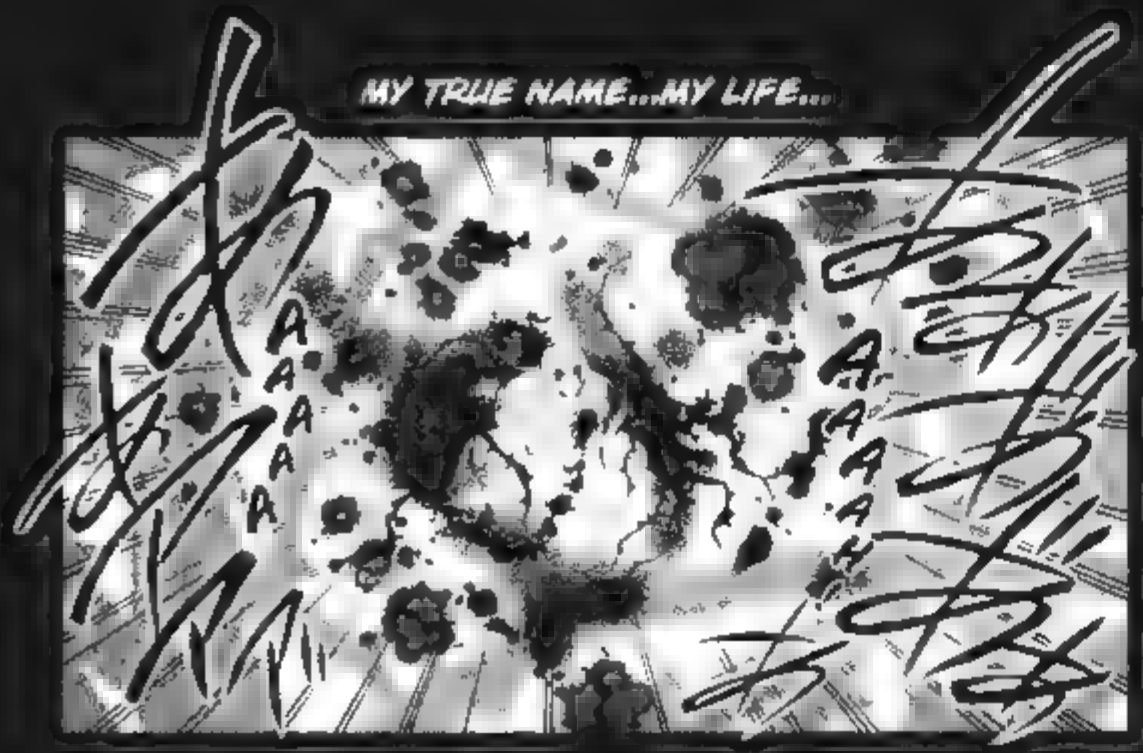








MY TRUE NAME...MY LIFE...



PITCH...BLACK...



I LIKE IT



IT'S SO WARM AND THE FLOWERS ARE LOVELY



WHAT A NICE PLACE

WOULD YOU GIVE IT TO ME..?



THIS PLACE YOUR "TRUE NAME"



IT'S BEING BLOTTED OUT





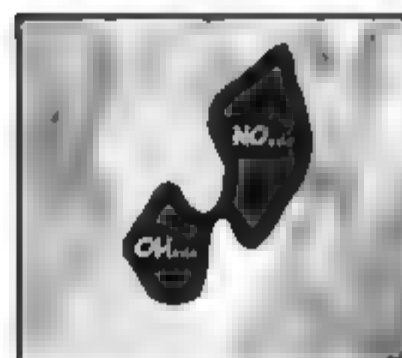
COLD...I'M SO COLD I MAY DIE...



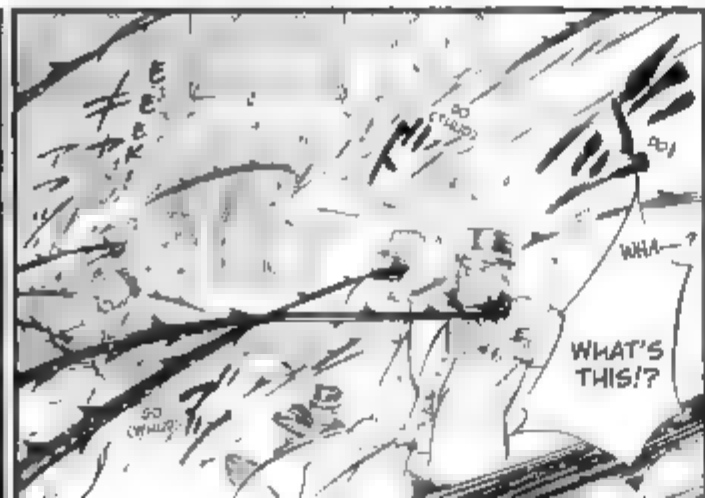
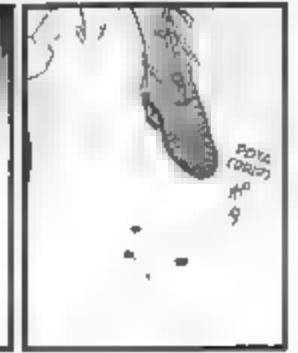
AND SO...



...I WANT SOMETHING HOT.











JUST AS
I THOUGHT,
HER SYMPTOMS
MANIFESTED.



SHADOW
BRIARS.

THE BLACK
TEARS THAT
SPILLED FROM
HER EYES AND
CHEST, AND...

UNBEAR-
ABLE
CHILLS.



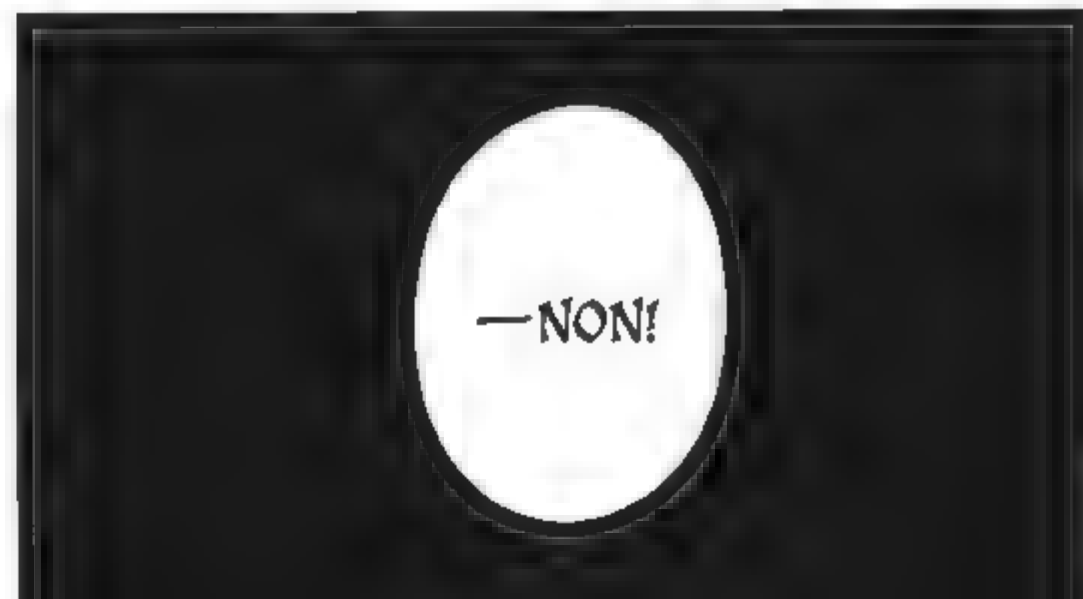
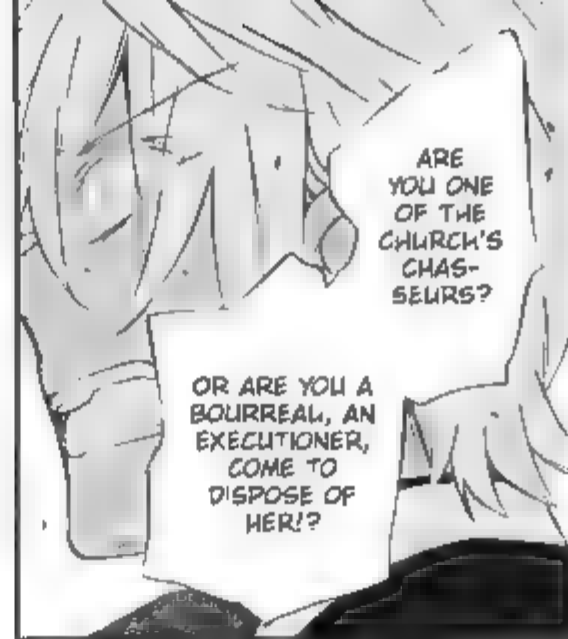
OF
COURSE.

AND!?
DID YOU
FIGURE IT
OUT!?



GOOD GRIEF.
THERE, YOU SEE?
I TOLD YOU YOU'D
GET HURT.







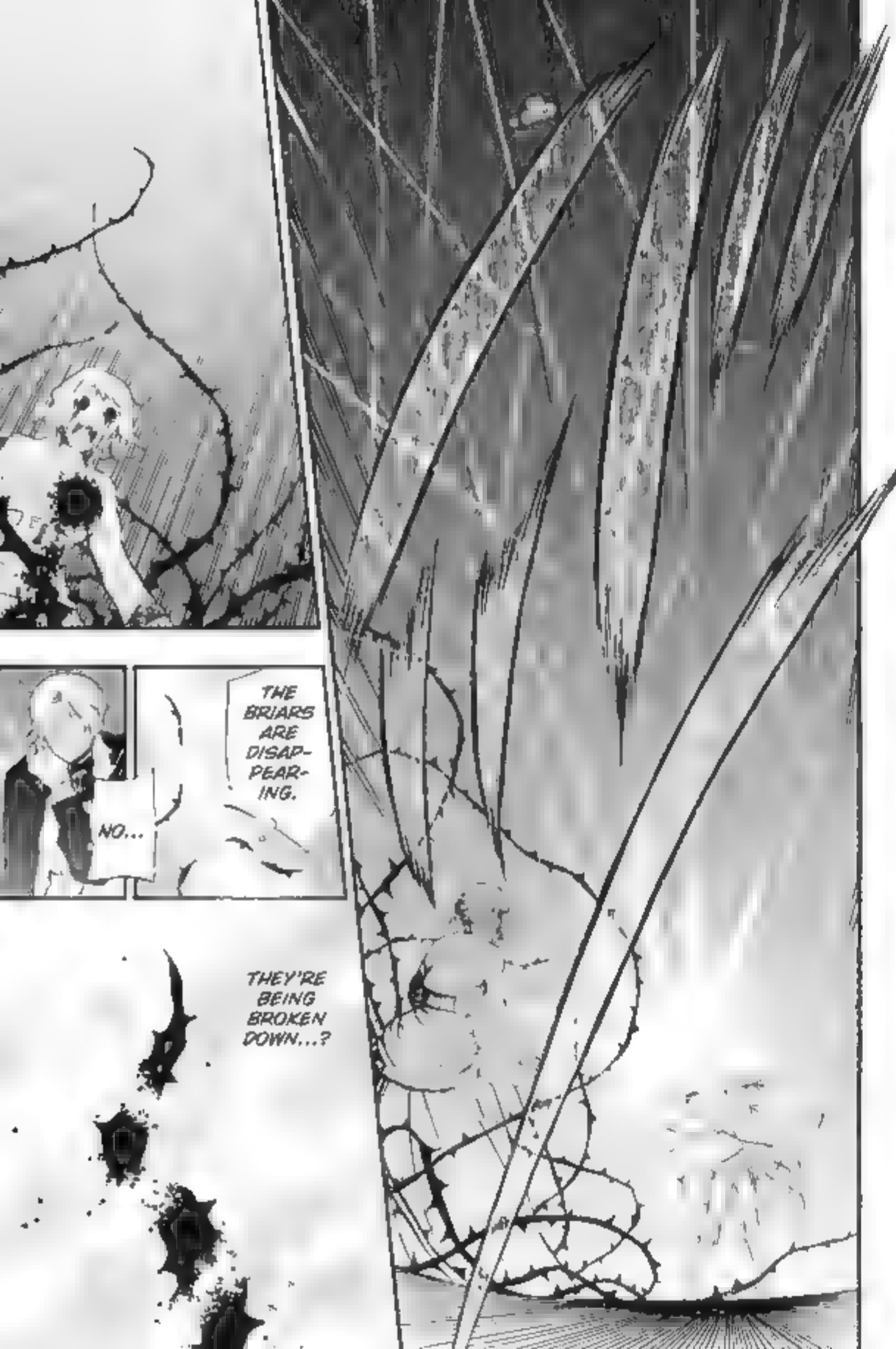
"A BLUE
LEATHER
COVER AND
JET-BLACK
PAGES"...

"A CLOCK-
WORK
GRIMOIRE
LINKED TO
A SILVER
CHAIN"...

THAT'S
...

IT
CAN'T
BE...





THE
BRIARS
ARE
DISAP-
PEAR-
ING.

NO...

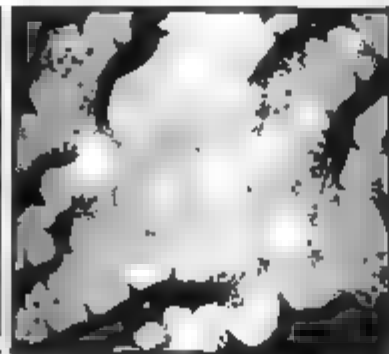
THEY'RE
BEING
BROKEN
DOWN...?

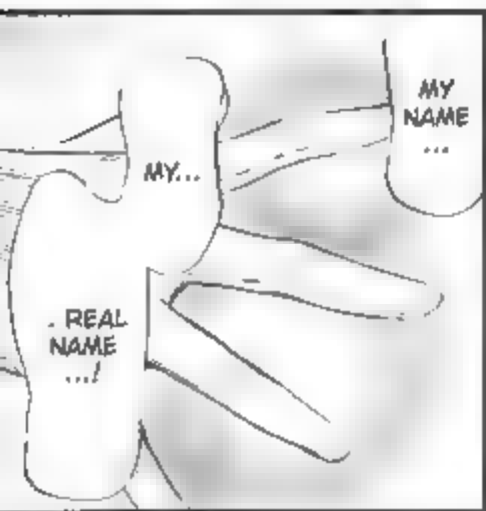


THE
BOOK
OF
VANI-
TAS
...!?

LET'S GET HER
TRUE NAME
RETURNED,
SHALL WE?

NOW
THEN...







WHAT'S
ALL
THIS?



YOU'RE THE
INTRUDERS
FROM THE
OBSERVATION
ROOM TOO,
AREN'T
YOU!?

HEY, THIS
WASN'T
OUR
FAULT.

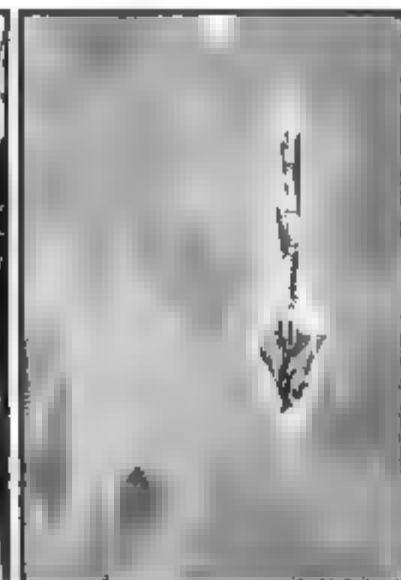
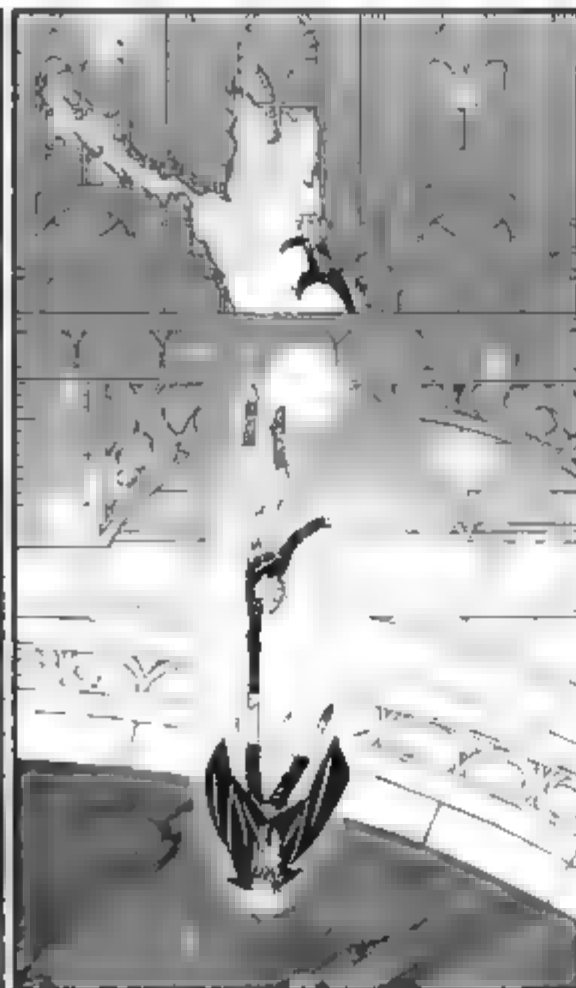


IF YOU
DO...



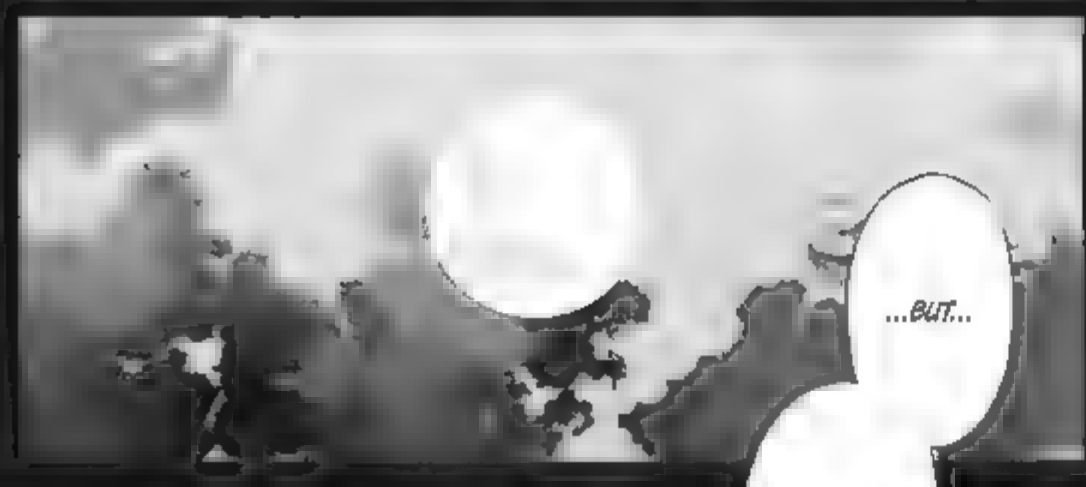
HUH. SHE
DEAD?







EVEN THOUGH
THAT BLUE LIGHT
IS SAID TO STEAL
VAMPIRES' POWER
AND IS A SYMBOL OF
MISFORTUNE..



...TEACHER...

...BUT...

YOU'RE...

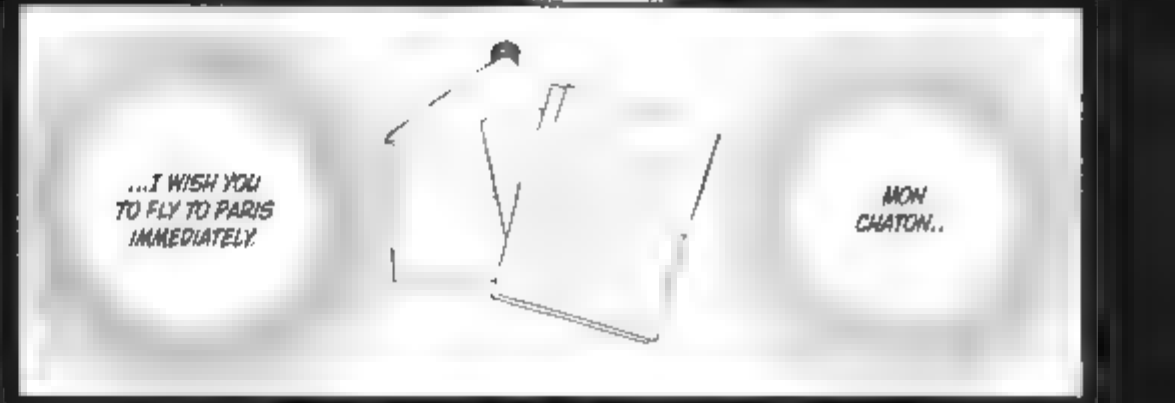
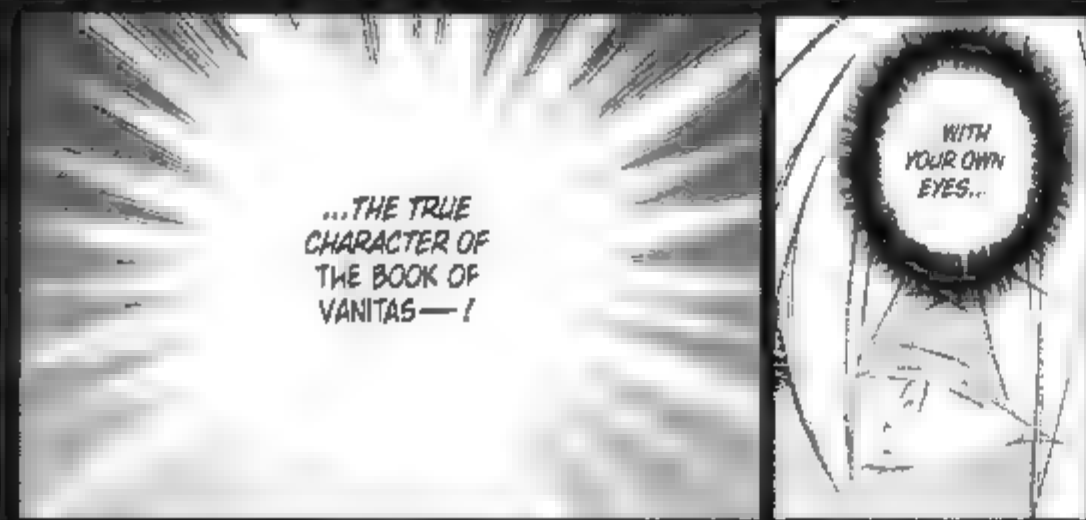
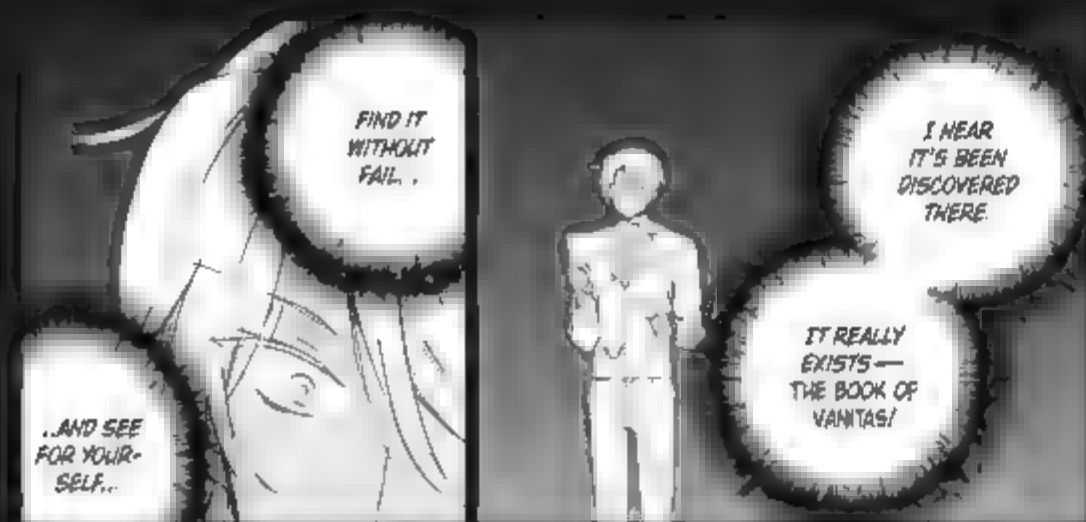


...NOT
AFRAID OF
THAT MOON,
ARE YOU?

A BLUE...

...MOON—





AN "INVERSE
OPERATION."

THAT'S
ALL IT
WAS.

I USED
THE POWER
OF THE BOOK
OF JANITAS TO
INTERFERE WITH
HER TRUE NAME
AND REMOVE THE
IRRITANT.

WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING...?

...ALL? THAT'S ..

BWAAA-
HA-HA-
HA-HA-
HA-HA!

WHAT IS
THIS? WE'RE
ALIVE! THAT
MAKES NO
SENSE!

HOW ON
EARTH DID
WE LAND
ANYWAY?

WHAT WAS
THAT BACK
THERE?

WHAT DID
YOU DO TO
HER?

SFX: GARA (RATTLE) GARA

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AND I'VE
DECIDED I
LIKE YOU

YES,
YOU'RE
FUNNY.

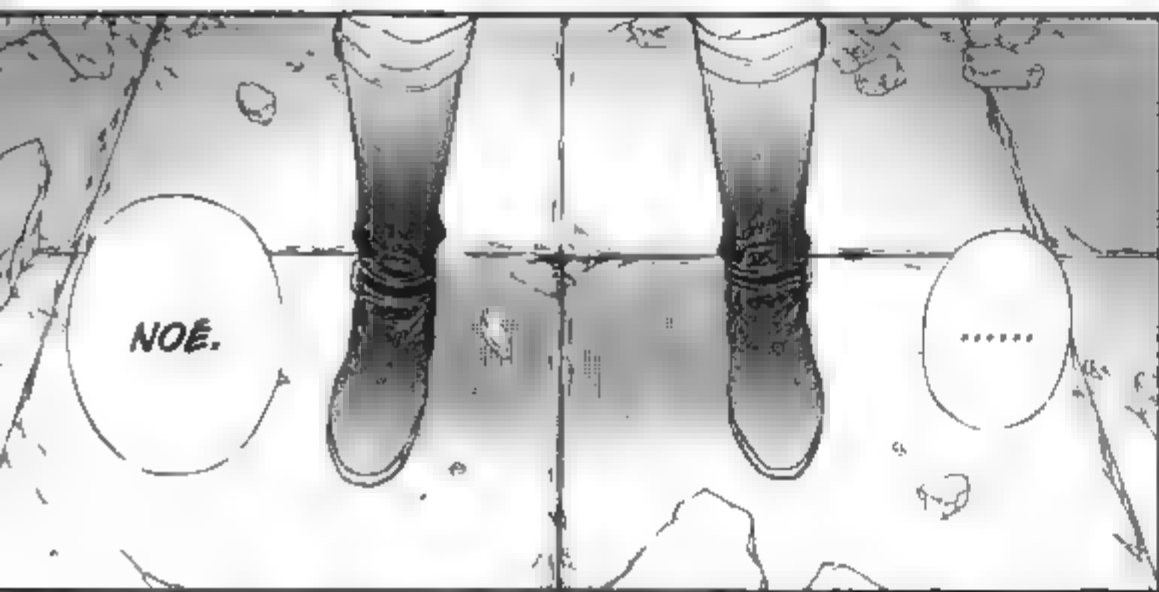


WHAT'S
YOUR
NAME?



WAS
WHAT
I SAID
REALLY
THAT
FUNNY?

UM...



NOE.

.....



THAT'S
A GOOD
NAME.

"CHILD OF
THE ARK,"
HM?



THAT WAS
PHENOMENAL!



THE
BOOK OF
VANITAS

...ISN'T
A CURSED BOOK
LIKE THE ONE IN
THE BED TIME
STORY, IS IT?

WHO'D HAVE
THOUGHT IT
COULD DO A
THING LIKE
THAT?



NO ONE'S
EVER LOOKED
AT IT WITH
SHINING EYES
LIKE THAT
BEFORE!

ALL
THAT,
OVER
THIS
BOOK
!?

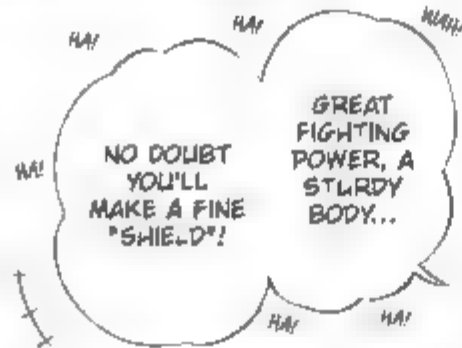
BWA!
HA!
HA!
HA!
HA!
HA!



LEND
ME YOUR
STRENGTH,
NOÉ!



NO
WAY.



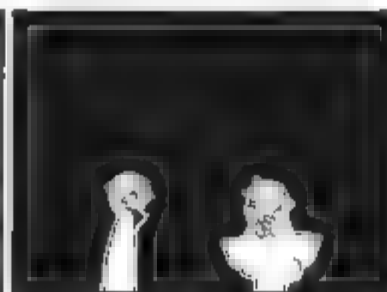
NO DOUBT
YOU'LL
MAKE A FINE
"SHIELD"!

GREAT
FIGHTING
POWER, A
STURDY
BODY...



I JUST
KNEW
YOU'D SAY
THAT!!

I SEE,
I SEE!
YOU'RE
HAPPY,
ARE YOU?



...AN
AVERAGE
HUMAN
BEING!

I INHERITED
THIS BOOK
AND THE NAME
FROM THE
VAMPIRE OF
THE BLUE
MOON, AND
I AM...



I AM
VANITAS.



I'LL DO AS
I PLEASE...



...USE
METHODS I
CHOOSE...



...AND,
NO MATTER
WHAT YOU
PEOPLE
WANT...



BASA
(CLAP)



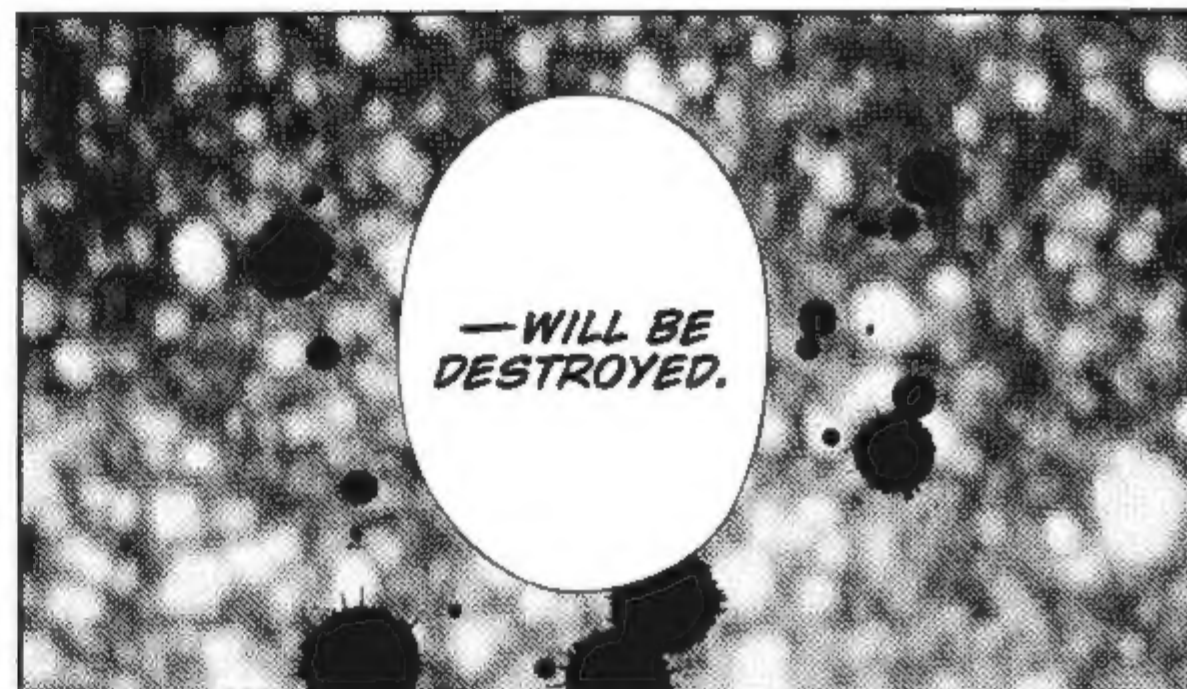
IF WE LET
THINGS STAND,
WITHOUT
INVESTIGATING
THE CAUSE...

...IN THE NOT
SO DISTANT
FUTURE, YOU
VAMPIRES—

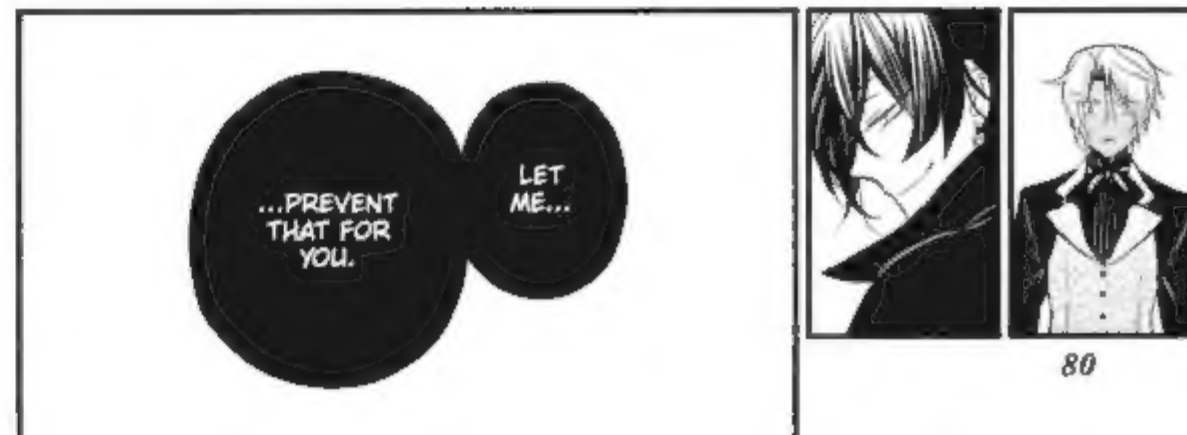
THE NUMBER
OF VAMPIRES
WHO'VE LOST
CONTROL AFTER
THEIR TRUE
NAMES WERE
ATTACKED BY
MALADIES IS
INCREASING
RAPIDLY.

WOULD
YOU
LISTEN
TO—?

YOU
SAW THE
GIRL BACK
THERE,
DIDN'T
YOU?



—WILL BE
DESTROYED.



...PREVENT
THAT FOR
YOU.

LET
ME...



...
**WITHOUT
FAIL!!**

...I
**WILL
SAVE
YOU...**



I WON'T
DIE...

...NOË.

EVEN IF I'M
NO LONGER
HERE...

...AT THE
END OF THAT
JOURNEY...



...THE TALE
OF HOW
I MET
VANITAS...

...AND
HOW WE
WALKED
TOGETH-
ER...



...OF
ALL WE
GAINED
...

...AND
LOST...



...NOË...

...AND
OF
HOW...



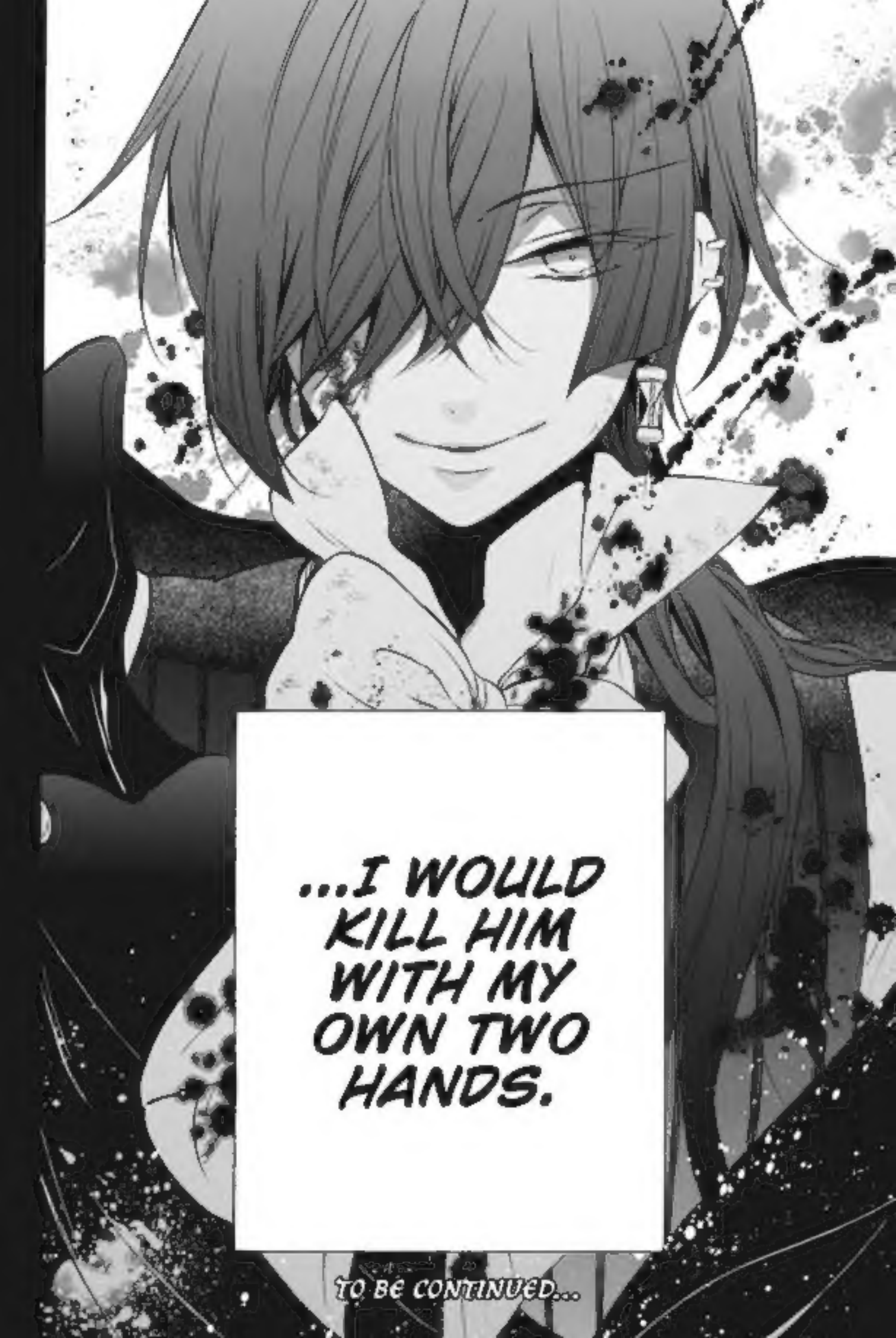
THIS IS...



THAT...

...WAS THE
BEGINNING.





**...I WOULD
KILL HIM
WITH MY
OWN TWO
HANDS.**

TO BE CONTINUED...